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In accordance with M.P.E.P. §§ 1442.04 and 2001.06(c), Applicants hereby inform the Patent Office that U.S. Patent No. 5,810,369, which is the parent patent upon which the present reissue application is based, was the subject of a previous lawsuit. Mission Hockey Company, which is the owner by assignment of the '369 patent and the present application, filed suit against The Hockey Company Inc. on May 3, 2002 alleging infringement of the '369 patent. The suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Southern Division, and was assigned Civil Action No. SACV 02-446 AHS. The parties negotiated a settlement, and the lawsuit was dismissed on November 22, 2002.

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In the lawsuit, the Defendant produced several patents that it alleged were prior art to the '369 patent. Applicants disclosed each of these patents to the Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed December 13, 2002, excepting U.S. Pat. No. 593,278, which was not submitted due to an apparent oversight, and which is submitted herewith.

Applicants also submit herewith two documents from the lawsuit: 1) the "Initial Disclosures" of the Defendant; and 2) the "Joint Report" of the parties. In Section IV of the Joint Report, the Defendant refers to a chassis it allegedly developed with another company. In paragraph B.1. of the Initial Disclosures, the Defendant refers to documents concerning a skate developed with Sure Grip International. Applicants' understanding is that the "Sure Grip" skate is the same as that referred to in the Joint Report.

The Defendant produced documents accompanying the Initial Disclosures, which documents apparently relate to its claims concerning the "Sure Grip" skate. All of these documents were submitted to the Patent Office in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 13, 2002 and October 9, 2003, and all of these documents have been considered by the Examiner. In fact, the Examiner made a rejection based upon documents submitted in these Information Disclosure Statements, and Applicants submitted a declaration and corroborative evidence to overcome the rejection.

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